

**BEDH**  
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT**  
**BOARD MEETINGS**

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.

The Governing Board invites the viewpoints of citizens throughout the District, and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the District. The Governing Board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the schools and therefore the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The Governing Board therefore establishes the following procedures to receive input from citizens of the District:

A. Any individual desiring to address the Governing Board shall complete a form (Request to Address Board) and give this form to the Superintendent prior to the start of the Governing Board meeting.

B. The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers, maintaining proper order, and adhering to any time limit set. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for later report to the Governing Board. Questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.

C. If considered necessary, the President shall set a time limit on the length of the comment period. In order to ensure that each individual has an opportunity to address the Governing Board, the President may also set a time limit for individual speakers. As a general rule, speakers will be limited to up to three (3) minutes to make their comments, depending on the number of speakers. Unless otherwise specified by the Board President the following limits will apply:

1. 1 - 15 speakers: 3 minutes

2. 16 - 30 speakers: 2 minutes

3. 31+ speakers: 1 minute

D. Personal attacks upon Governing Board members, staff personnel, or other persons in attendance or absent by individuals who address the Governing Board are discouraged. Policies KE, KEB, KEC, and KED are provided by the Governing Board for disposition of legitimate complaints, including those involving individuals. Upon conclusion of the open call to the public, individual members of the Governing Board may respond to any criticism made by an individual who has addressed the Governing Board.

E. Presentations for unsolicited services will not be permitted. Companies or businesses offering services of possible interest to the District should send information to the District Office for distribution to the appropriate School District Department.

The Superintendent shall ensure that a copy of this policy is posted at the entrance to the Board meeting room, and that an adequate supply of forms is available.

Adopted: October 26, 2021

LEGAL REF.:

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CROSS REF.:

[BDB](#) - Board Officers

[BHC](#) - Board Communications with Staff Members

[BHD](#) - Board Communications with the Public

[KEB](#) - Public Concerns/Complaints about Personnel

